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REMARKS

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Claims 53-68 are presently pending in the case. Claims 1-52 have been cancelled. The new claims are supported by the specification and claims as originally filed, particularly at page 35 line 18 through page 36 line 16.

Reconsideration of the present case in view of the above amendments and the remarks herein is requested.

Election Requirement

The Examiner's election requirement is believed to be moot in view of the above amendments. However, the Applicant elects Group I with traverse. The traverse being on the ground that the search for the other groups of claims would not pose an undue burden on the Patent Office.

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Conclusion

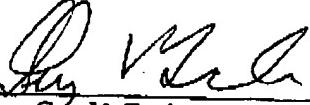
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The claims are allowable for the reasons given above. Thus, the Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider the present rejections and allow the presently pending claims. Should the Examiner have any questions, the Examiner is requested to call the undersigned at the number given below.

Respectfully submitted,

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